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LETTER DATED 31 DECEMBER 1996 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 985 (1995) CONCERNING LIBERIA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia which was adopted by the Committee under the no-objection procedure on 30 December 1996, and is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(Signed) Gerardo MARTÍNEZ BLANCO
Chairman
Security Council Committee established
pursuant to resolution 985 (1995)
concerning Liberia

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) concerning Liberia covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 1996.

2. The previous report of the Committee was submitted to the Security Council on 30 January 1996 (S/1996/72) and covered the activities of the Committee since its establishment in 1995 until 31 December 1995.

II. SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

3. At its 3rd meeting, held on 3 January 1996, the Committee elected its bureau for 1996, which consisted of Ambassador Gerardo Martínez Blanco (Honduras) as Chairman, with the delegations of Indonesia and Italy providing the two Vice-Chairmen.

III. ACTION BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL

4. In paragraph 14 of its resolution 1041 (1996) of 29 January 1996, the Security Council reminded all States of their obligations to comply strictly with the embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Liberia imposed by resolution 788 (1992) of 19 November 1992 and to bring all instances of violations of the embargo before the Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) of 13 April 1995.

5. In paragraph 11 of its resolution 1059 (1996) of 31 May 1996, the Security Council recalled the obligation of all States to comply strictly with the embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Liberia imposed by resolution 788 (1992) and to bring all instances of violations of the embargo before the same Committee.

6. In paragraph 12 of its resolution 1071 (1996) of 30 August 1996, the Security Council stressed the obligation of all States to comply strictly with the embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Liberia imposed by resolution 788 (1992), to take all actions necessary to ensure strict implementation of the embargo and to bring all instances of violations of the embargo before the same Committee.

7. And in paragraph 10 of its resolution 1083 (1996) of 27 November 1996, the Security Council stressed the obligation of all States to comply strictly with the embargo on the deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Liberia imposed by resolution 788 (1992), to take all actions necessary to ensure strict

implementation of the embargo, and to bring all instances of violations of the embargo before the Committee established pursuant to resolution 985 (1995) of 13 April 1995.

IV. OBSERVATIONS

8. In order to monitor the arms embargo effectively, the Committee relies solely upon the cooperation of States and Organizations in a position to provide it with pertinent information. In this regard, the Committee would like to remind all States of their obligation to comply with the Security Council resolutions relating to the arms embargo.